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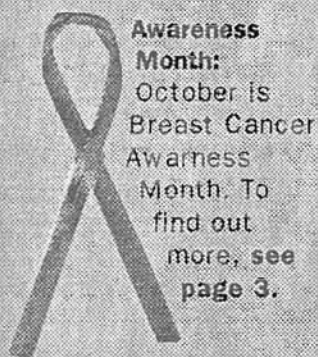
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Player Profile: Meet the volleyball Riverwomen's newest star, Leslie Armstrong. See page 5.

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Faculty and students stage affirmative action walkout at UC

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — UC officials reacted yesterday to the two-day faculty-student walkout and teach-ins in support of affirmative action with varying views, saying diversity is important, but students and faculty should express them in a more productive manner.

Other officials said the walkout, which has been taking place at colleges nationwide, including UC Davis, the University of Michigan and UCLA, was a form of free expression.

"Free exchange of ideas about important issues is what the university is all about," said UC spokesperson Brad Hayward. "Admission to the university is an important issue and we recognize that many people are concerned."

At UC Berkeley, the walkouts were condoned as long as professors did not violate their commitments to teaching, said UC Berkeley spokesperson Bob Sanders.

Although the walkouts did not violate university commitments, some university officials said the expression of opinions could have been done more productively.

UC Regent Ralph Ochoa said although he understood that students were passionate to participate in walkout events, the walkout could not have much impact on laws prohibiting affirmative action.

Regent Frank Clark, who voted in favor of dismantling affirmative action in 1995, said this week's walkout was not a productive method for protesters to express their views on affirmative action.

"It's irresponsible," Clark said. "This is a legal matter and the people involved don't know anything about it."

Clark added that only the Supreme Court could influence the fate of affirmative action because Proposition 209 is a state law.

In response to Initiative 200, a measure similar to Prop. 209 that will be voted on by Washington State voters on Nov. 3, University of Washington students rallied both in favor and against affirmative action yesterday.

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Freshman Torlecer Sombricht gets directions from crash test dummies Larry and Vince on where to find more information about Alcohol Awareness Week.

Alcohol Awareness Week hits campus

BY KEVIN BUCKLEY
special to the Current

Last week, Horizons Peer Educators hosted Alcohol Awareness Week to bring attention to the problems alcohol can cause. The message of this activity was, according to Horizons Peer Educators, "We're not telling people not to drink, we're just telling them to do it responsibly." Monday the events kicked off when a car wrecked in a drunk-driving accident was brought onto campus. Horizons had their information booth on the University Center patio, while local radio station 105.7 The Point broadcast and the National Guard demonstrated "Fatal Vision Goggles."

On Tuesday, UM-St. Louis Police Officer Kevin Hanebrink gave a presentation and an anti-drunk-driving

video was shown at the Honors College. Horizons relocated their information booth to inside the University Center for the remainder of the week.

A video about Binge Drinking was shown at the University Meadows on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the main event was a "Mocktail Party" where Horizons members, with the aid of caterers, served free non-alcoholic strawberry daiquiris and pina colodas.

The week ended Friday with just the info booth in the University Center. Throughout the week, students were urged to sign pledges not to drink and drive. They were also encouraged to pick free items from 105.7 The Point, O'Doul's and even a personal Blood Alcohol Level meter. Brochures with preventative information on youth drink-

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E-mail problems elicit complaints, prompt meeting

BY JOSH RENAUD
of the Current staff

A lack of communication about a computer server outage over Labor Day weekend has some faculty members up in arms.

According to Paul Pratte, Manager of Administrative Computing, the UMSLVMA server's power supply exploded around 10 a.m. on Sept. 3, destroying 13 disks and corrupting the e-mail pool. The server was down through Sept. 5.

There are approximately 500-800 accounts on the UMSLVMA server, Pratte explained. Staff and faculty members are the primary users of the server and the server outage erased many incoming pieces of e-mail.

"The machine was broken, so it was impossible to send e-mail out," said Jerrold Siegel, Coordinator of Campus Computing. "The true vulnerability was incoming e-mail received in the window [of time] between the last server backup and the time the server crashed."

It was several weeks before news of the server crash reached many faculty members. Timothy McBride is a member of the Faculty Liaison Committee, whose purpose is to pass along information from the computer centers to the various academic departments.

"We got a letter on Sept. 24 that the server had gone down from Sept. 3 through Sept. 5, and some e-mail was lost permanently," McBride said.

McBride said he had serious exchanges with Siegel about the way the situation was handled.

"I don't think there was a problem with the way they handled the outage itself," McBride said. "The people over there work hard, and I know they tried real hard to fix the problem. It was the way it was handled after the fact that bothered me. It took them 19 days to tell us what happened."

Siegel said he felt that recent problems with the University postal mail service made the situation seem worse than it actually was.

"I think this caused some consternation with some people," Siegel said, "but I'm not sure it was totally reasonable. If it had happened at any other time, it would have gone unnoticed."

On Oct. 14, many concerns about the campus e-mail problems were voiced in a meeting of the Faculty Senate

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Power surge causes electrical outage, fire

BY DAVID BAUGHER
senior editor

A power surge triggered a small electrical fire that damaged a transformer and left parts of the South Campus without electricity early Tuesday morning.

Director of Institutional Safety Robert Roeseler said that the surge occurred after a brief power outage around 12:30 a.m.

"[Union Electric] had a problem with their power supply and when their system went down it put us down momentarily," Roeseler said. "Then when they charged it back up again it sent a power surge to the transformer that's located in the South Campus [Classroom] Building."

Roeseler said the insulation on the transformer's wiring then caught fire.

"The insulation that was wrapped around the cable that comes in burnt and when that burnt there's a ground wire that's set up as a safety precaution so that when that ground wire melts through it cuts off the power," Roeseler said.

Roeseler said the fire went out as quickly as it started.

"The fire extinguished itself," he said. "Once it burned up the insulation there was no power going to it. There was nothing else to burn."

Roeseler said that the work crews responded to the scene quickly.

"The electricians came out and rerouted some of the power and then we brought in a generator so everything is back up in operation as it should be," Roeseler said.

He said power was restored by 11 a.m. and that no classes were cancelled although the Child Development Center did not open until noon because the outage left fire alarms without power.

"The Development Center was closed because they have a regulation that they have to have fire protection," Roeseler said.

According to Roeseler, some smoke was present in the Center that morning but it was aired out quickly. The Center is directly above the basement where the fire happened.

Roeseler said the temporary generator was keeping the Center and other areas supplied with power until a new transformer could be installed. A new unit was scheduled to have been in place on Saturday.

New softball field nears completion

BY SUE BRITT
staff associate

The completion date for the new women's softball facilities, located near the Fine Arts Building, is expected in three to four weeks.

Sam Darandari, the director of planning and engineering at UM-St. Louis, said the facilities will include not only a regulation-sized softball field but additionally, "will include all lighting, a press box, bleachers, a storage room, fencing, scoreboard, concessions trailer, toilet facilities and the works."

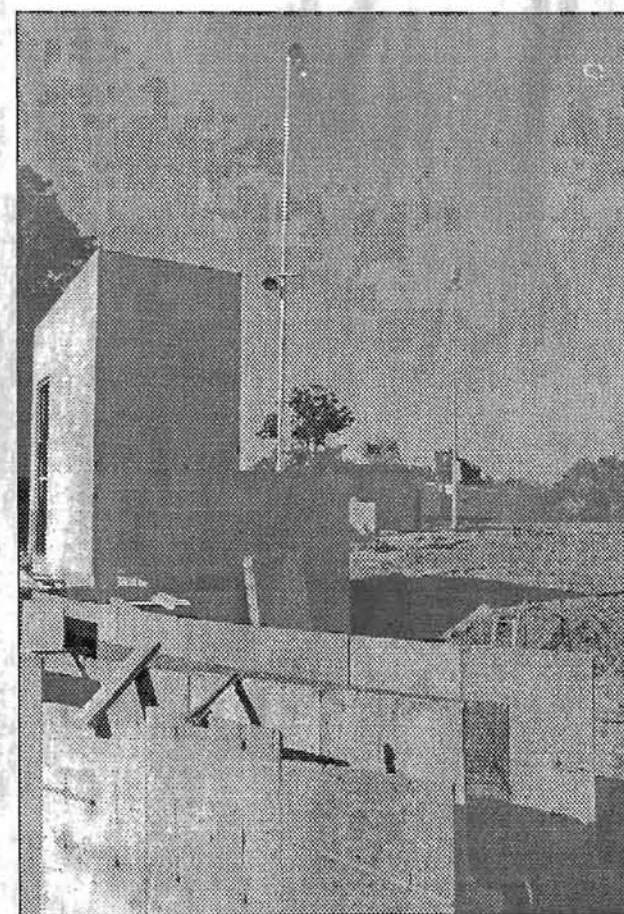
The main contract for the construction of the site was for a cost of \$400,450. The additional contracts for the installation of utilities, concession trailer units and toilet facilities came to approximately \$140,000.

"We want facilities dedicated to the women's softball team. They have a great program," Darandari said.

Charlie Kennedy began working for the athletic department in 1984 as a student assistant trainer and is now the head softball coach for the women's softball team. Kennedy said he is looking forward to the new facilities as the softball team has not had a field in eight years, after the MetroLink construction took their field.

Without a field, the Riverwomen were at a disadvantage. If a scheduled game was rained out, Kennedy said, "It ends up being our home game on their field."

see Softball, page 6



Stephanie Platt/The Current

The site of the new Riverwomen softball team facilities. The ballfield, which will include lighting, bleachers, and a scoreboard, will be completed in three to four weeks.

Possible scam affects campus phones

BY STEPHANIE PLATT
of the Current staff

It will be a few days before the director of telephone services will be able to determine if a series of unusual telephone calls to campus phones is part of a telephone scam originating in a New Jersey prison.

According to Larry Westermeyer, director of telephone services, random campus telephone numbers have been receiving calls for the past three weeks that begin with a recorded Spanish message. The message is then followed by another recorded message in English instructing the listener to press one.

"Typically, by pressing one the listener accepts the

charges for a collect call made by the caller," Westermeyer said.

The scammer is then able to make long-distance calls that are charged to the victim's telephone bill.

Westermeyer said he was first made aware of the situation when a KWMU staff member reported receiving the call. Westermeyer said he is aware of six such phone calls.

"There were probably more," Westermeyer said. "I'm sure not everyone reported getting those calls."

Telephone Services was able to trace the telephone calls back to a pay phone in Riverfront State Prison in Camden, N. J. Westermeyer said that the University probably

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Bulletin Board

Put it on the Board: The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all submissions be posted at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Todd Appel, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63121 or fax 516-6811. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, Oct. 26

• **Monday Noon Series: Making History: Some Philosophical Reflections on Holocaust Historiography.** Paul Roth, professor of philosophy at UM-St. Louis will discuss some of the reasons for the controversy surrounding Daniel Goldhagen's recent book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*. This event will be held in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

• **Introduction to Weight Training,** learn how to use the Fitness Center and weight room to achieve the goals you desire. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• **Student Social Work Association Meeting** from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Evening College Conference Room on the third floor of Lucas Hall. Contact: Terri Kettenbrink, 838-3953.

• **Life in the Spirit Seminar** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Newman House at 8200 Natural Bridge Road. Contact: Betty or Dennis, 385-3455.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

• **Folkloric Peruvian Dancers:** Polo Ramirez Zapata, Peruvian ceramic artist will be in the Evening College on the 3rd Floor Lucas Hall Lobby from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

Thursday, Oct. 29

• **SOUP AND SOUL FOOD** (free lunch and a time for prayer and meditation)

from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Normandy United Methodist Church at 8000 Natural Bridge Rd. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. Everyone invited. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

• **Play: "Stories of Hope."** This play will be performed by the women of "Let's Start". The play is based on their efforts to turn their lives in a positive direction after facing their legal problems. This event will be held from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Contact: The Women's Center, 5380.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the U Lounge on South Campus. Sponsored by the American Optometric Student Association. Walk-ins welcome. Contact: Angela Ernst, 772-1098.

Monday, Nov. 2

• **Monday Noon Series: Elections 1998: What's at Stake for St. Louis.** E. Terrence Jones, professor of political science, describes what the outcome of tomorrow's elections will mean for the St. Louis Region. This event will be held in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

• **Flu Shots** in the Marillac Hall Lobby from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., in the Seton Hall Lobby from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., in the U-Center Lobby from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and in the Lucas Hall 3rd Floor Lobby from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00. Contact: Health Services, 5671.

• **"Perceptions of Race and Gender in Colonial (French and Spanish) Missouri."** This seminar will be given by Carl J. Eckberg, Professor Emeritus of History, Illinois State University. This event will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: The Center for International Studies and the Department of History, 5753.

• **Spanish Club Meeting** at 2 p.m. in 542 Clark Hall.

• **Walking Clinic,** learn how to make your walking workouts more effective for you. Bodywalk techniques will be demonstrated. The class meets from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

• **Life in the Spirit Seminar** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Newman House at 8200 Natural Bridge Road. Contact: Betty or Dennis, 385-3455.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

• **Stop Smoking Clinic** from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center in 211 Clark Hall. If you are one of the many smokers who is trying to kick the habit, members of the American Lung Association will advise participants on various methods to kick the smoking habit. Contact: Women's Center, 5380.

• **Diabetes Information Day.** Stop and Speak to a certified diabetes educator and have a blood glucose check between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the U-Center Lobby and between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the third floor

lobby of Lucas Hall.

Thursday, Nov. 5

• **SOUP AND SOUL FOOD** (free lunch and a time for prayer and meditation) from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Normandy United Methodist Church at 8000 Natural Bridge Rd. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. Everyone invited. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

Poetry and Short Story Reading Series.

Poetry reading by Jennifer MacKenzie at 12:30 p.m. in 493 Lucas Hall. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Annis Pratt, NWSA Academic Discourse Committee: Brown Bag:

"How to Respond to Prejudiced Remarks." This event will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 325 Lucas Hall. Contact: IWGS, 5581 or 6383.

Monday, Nov. 9

• **Monday Noon Series: "Cognitive Authority, Rationality, and the Science Wars."** Lynn Hankinson-Nelson, professor of philosophy, UM-St. Louis, considers recent charges that the explanations of scientific practice offered by feminist scientists and science scholars "block" adequate understandings of science, and constitute a threat to rationality and democracy.

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Campus CrimeLine

The Campus CrimeLine is a free service provided by the UM-St. Louis Police Department to promote safety through awareness.

September 15

• An Admissions staff person reported that on Sept. 11 between 1:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., a black leather briefcase was stolen from 145 Woods Hall. The briefcase contained a Motorola pager and papers.

September 17

• Two students residing at the U Meadows reported that at 1:30 a.m., they were assaulted by an unknown person. Prior to the assault the unknown suspect had asked the students to quiet the noise they were making.

September 21

• A vehicle parked on Lot "A" was found to have scratch marks on it. Possibly a sharp object was used to make the scratches.

September 22

• A student reported that on Sept. 21 at 6:50 p.m., she discovered that the passenger window on her car had

been shattered while the vehicle was parked outside of Parking Garage "C". Two suspicious persons were reported sitting in a vehicle next to the student's vehicle. As the student approached, they drove away.

September 24

• A staff person reported that on Sept. 23 between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., her vehicle had been scratched on the left rear fender. The vehicle had been parked on the top level of Parking Garage "C".

September 26

• A student reported the theft of his bookbag from 133 SSB between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. The bookbag had been left unattended.

September 27

• A student reported that between Sept. 25 at 6:00 p.m. and Sept. 27 at 5:45 p.m., the following items were taken from 442B Stadler Hall. One MacPower Computer valued at

\$4,000.00, a Panasonic boombox radio/CD player, a Macintosh floppy drive and a VST Zip Drive.

September 28

• A student reported that an attempt was made to steal her vehicle between 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., while the vehicle was parked at the Fine Arts Building. The steering column was damaged.

• A student reported that between 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., unknown persons broke out the passenger side window and tried to steal her car stereo from the dash of her vehicle.

September 29

• A calculator and a knife were stolen from a desk at 356 CCB as reported by a faculty member. The theft occurred between Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. and Sept. 29 at 8 a.m. The calculator was a Texas Instruments brand.

• A staff person reported that between Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 9 a.m., a Hewlett Packard ScanJet Scanner and Printer were stolen from 317 Stadler Hall. The room was locked prior to and after the theft.

September 30

• A student reported the theft of a parking permit. The theft appears to have occurred on Sept. 23 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., while the vehicle was parked in Garage "N".

October 1

• The driver of a vehicle reported that both front and rear license plates were stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in Garage "D".

• A student reported that between 6:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., unknown persons stole the license plates from the front and rear of her vehicle while it was parked on Lot "K".

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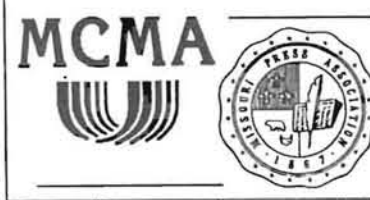
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Autumn is absolutely the best season of all time. At least, it is in my opinion.

The leaves are changing, the weather is cool but not yet unbearably freezing, and there are so many fun outdoorsy-type things to do.

Apple farms, wineries, weekend road trips to Chicago or Kansas City or perhaps an unknown destination (fall is the ultimate time to travel aimlessly for hours), outdoor markets, antique shops and of course, haunted houses.

I can't think about the month of October without thinking about Halloween. (Well, I guess I could if it was a life-or-death kind of thing, but I'm speaking in the general sense.)

Halloween is my favorite holiday. Yes, I look forward to it more than Christmas or even my birthday... which isn't technically a holiday, but I guess it is the same. What could be better than having an excuse to dress up outlandishly, scaring people, having others scare you, and getting candy for your trouble?

Okay, I admit, I haven't been trick-or-treating for quite a few years, so the candy part is pretty much out. Now that I think about it, as a kid, I wasn't particularly fond of Halloween. I was an introverted child, and therefore painfully shy. So, being stuffed into a ballerina outfit complete with an itchy tutu, herded off to perfect strangers' houses and forced to speak to them just to have them laugh at me... but I'm getting off the subject.

I really do love All Hallow's Eve. I mean it.

But let's face it, just about every child had the same basic Halloween night. My arch-nemesis, Martin, and I were talking the other day. We realized that, although we both grew up in totally different areas of St. Louis, we had a few of the exact same experiences.

First and foremost, is the memory of wearing the most fantastic costume ever and being really, really excited about it. You've been anticipating this for weeks, and finally the night has arrived. But it's cold outside, or it's drizzling or whatever, so your mother makes you wear a coat over the outfit irreversibly damaging the intended effect. There's nothing more embarrassing than being Wonder Woman in a parka.

There were also those typical households that could be found on every street. The old lady on the corner who gave out regular-sized candy bars. The other old lady down the street that didn't give out candy at all; she opted for a twist-tied plastic sandwich bag full of pennies.

There were also those tales of the neighborhood hooligans wreaking havoc on innocent citizens. I don't have any personal experience in this particular area. My house did get egged one year, but that's not very exciting. Martin, however, has more of an extensive knowledge in this field.

He recalls some of the more standard pranks of our generation—the infamous “flaming poo” (animal feces preferred), the shaving cream in the mailbox, the smashed pumpkins, “TP”ing a yard, — although he does deny any direct involvement in the aforementioned incidents.



AMY LOMBARDO

Becoming Aware

Breast Cancer Awareness Month aims to save lives

BY CARRIE TRENT

special to the Current

The University Health Services are sponsoring events on campus this month to promote breast cancer awareness. As many may already be aware, October is nationally reserved as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Annette Williams is an employee of the University Health Services and a UM-St. Louis graduate.

“[Breast Cancer Awareness] is extremely important because it provides an opportunity to save lives. It encourages women to receive screening mammograms, which allows for early detection,” Williams said. “Early detection allows for the possibilities of a much better cure rate.”

The American Cancer Society (ACS) recommends that a screening mammogram be performed for women between the ages of 35 and 39. For women age 40 and above, the recommendation is to have one done every year. Mammograms are vital to a woman's health because they are able to detect a cancer of the breast up to two years before it can be felt in a physical examination.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States, and it is the number two cancer-causing death in women ages 40 to 55. It is very important for all women to be aware because statistics state that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society expects over 180,000 cases to be diagnosed this year, with 43,000 women dying from it.

Although cancer cannot be prevented, there is a much better cure rate for those who are diagnosed through early detection. Women whose families have a history of breast cancer may be at greater risk, yet 80 percent of women diagnosed do not have a record of the disease in their family.

The strategy of early detection consists of mammogra-

phy, an annual physical exam and monthly breast self-examinations.

UM-St. Louis has jumped on the bandwagon to begin creating public awareness. On Oct. 7, the University Health Services and Horizons Peer Educators sponsored booths in the University Center Atrium, the University Meadows Club House and the Seton Hall lobby. They provided students and faculty with breast cancer awareness information and handed out pink reminder ribbons. On Oct. 19, a federal and state certified team, The Missouri Baptist Medical Center's Mobile Mammography Unit, came to the J. C. Penney parking lot.

Diane Moody-Mitchell, registered nurse at the University Health Services, was in charge of putting together these campus events.

“There was a large turnout. I met with a total of 272 students and faculty at our booths. Some had questions. Others simply wanted further information,” Moody-Mitchell said. “Fifteen women were scheduled for and received a screening mammogram at the mobile unit on campus.”

Moody-Mitchell showed an instructional video and also provided a demonstration of a breast self examination on a model breast. At each location she offered pink ribbons.

These pink ribbons send a reminder of the tragedy of the disease, and that many women are breast cancer survivors. The outreach tables also provided flyers demonstrating how to perform a self-examination. They also provided a listing of local places to receive mammograms.

Additional information and listings of mammogram opportunities from the American Cancer Society can be found at the University Health Services Department at 127 Woods Hall. There are facilities listed that may provide mammograms free or at a discounted rate.

Breast Cancer Facts

1. Mammography is able to detect a cancer of the breast up to two years before it can be felt during a physical exam.

2. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States.

3. If breast cancer is diagnosed at the local stage, it has up to a 97% survival rate.

4. Eighty percent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.

Source: American Cancer Society

UNDER THE CURRENT

compiled by Erin Stremmel/staff photographer

Where is the worst place you've ever gotten lost?



“On the second day of kindergarten, I had to ride the bus and missed my stop. I ended up at South County Mall.”

-Teresa Schmitt
Freshman

“Once me an one of my friends were coming up from the pool at the Marriot. We got on the wrong elevator that brought us to the wrong the wing of the hotel. We went to the room that we thought was ours and began to think that we were crazy when our key didn't work and a stranger answered the door and told us that the room we knew was ours wasn't.”

-Carrie Thacker
Freshman/Psychology



“I've never gotten lost.”

-Joshua Miller
Sophomore/Chemistry/Pre-med.

Campus book drive to benefit 'at-risk' kids



Books donated for the “Books for Kids” drive.

Stephanie Platt/The Current

BY COURTNEY IRWIN
special to the Current

The President of the Student Social Work Association, Janice Black, has recently formed a student coalition aimed at collecting books for academically disadvantaged youths.

“I wanted something [for the community] that would not take a lot of money,” explained Black, “and that every student could participate in.”

The committee, Books For Kids, consists of several UM-St. Louis organizations uniting for one community service project. Student groups such as the Biology Society, Phi-Chi Psychology Club, and the Residence Hall Association are working together to help promote the book drive.

Black came up with the concept of distributing boxes around UM-St. Louis' campus, so students could place new or used children's books in them. She presented her idea at the Leadership Training and Development seminar, where it was widely received by different organizations.

One of many students assisting Black in her cause is University Program Board Director, Carrie Mowen.

“I was always interested in at-risk kids,” Mowen remarked, “so when Janice asked me if the University Board would co-sponsor, I jumped on it.”

Mowen defines “at-risk kids” as children who come from undisciplined and unstructured households.

“When a child grows up in an environment where there is no motivation from the parents, in terms of educating the children, then the child becomes labeled as at-risk for failure,” Mowen said.

The program targets children who demand more individual attention.

“The kids we're giving these books to are developmentally delayed in their reading skills by at least two years,” Black explained.

“Books For Kids” is asking UM-St. Louis students to donate books for children between the ages of preschool through eighth grade. They can do so by dropping off their books in specially-marked boxes all around campus. While the committee prefers multi-cultural books, they will gladly accept others. Students can also make cash donations that will be used to buy newer books. The University Bookstore has even pledged to buy children's books at their cost for this project.

Black stated that their goal is to obtain 5,000 books by October 31, with the idea of distributing 1,000 books each to five different not-for-profit organizations. With the book drive ending on Oct. 31, both Black and Mowen are highly optimistic about the future of this program.

“We hope lots of people participate, and that this will become an annual event.”

For more information regarding “Books For Kids,” contact Janice Black at 509-1388.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Politics taints Nobel choice

Earlier this month it was announced that this year's winners of the Nobel Peace Prize would be David Trimble and John Hume for their work on last April's Good Friday Peace Accord in Northern Ireland. When you stop to think about it, it was pretty obvious that someone who was involved in the making of that accord was certainly going to win the Peace Prize this year. Honestly, it was surprising to see that the award was given to these two men as opposed to some of the other people who were involved.



EMAMON TONEY

Guest Commentator
The selection of recipients makes me think that the Peace Prize this year was given for political reasons more than anything. This is definitely not to say that these men don't deserve to be honored for their accomplishments this past year, it's just that the formula is entirely too simple; one Protestant, one Catholic. It seems as if those who selected the year's recipients of the award were more concerned with watching their own backs than anything. The selection, as wonderful as it is to see these men recognized for trying to bring peace to the North of Ireland, appears to have been made for the sole purpose of pleasing everyone, not on the basis of who actually deserved the honor.

When I first read in the newspaper about David Trimble and John Hume being distinguished with the honor I, of course, thought it was wonderful but at the same time, I saw the selection as a total cop-out on behalf of the Nobel Prize Committee. David Trimble and John Hume are undoubtedly the two most deserving men involved in the process by all practical means, but if you want to look who is actually responsible for that accord ever coming into existence in the first place, you can't exclude Gerry Adams. Although it sort of looks like he was excluded anyway. "Why would they exclude this Gerry Adams if he is so deserving of the award?" the reader may ask. Well, it's because Gerry Adams is the head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, and the Nobel Prize Committee doesn't have the guts to give him the award at the expense of looking bad. The Committee doesn't have the guts to distinguish Adams in the same kind of way that the Vatican doesn't have the guts to speak out in support of their church members who are being killed for thinking that they deserve the same rights as their Protestant counterparts. This same brand of gutlessness can also be observed in the way that the situation has been handled by the United Nations and even Amnesty International. No one wants to give the impression that they support terrorists, but ask yourself, would the violence have been necessary if any of the aforementioned organizations would have spoken out in the first place? I don't think so, and before you start to judge, think of who the Catholics have had in their corner all this time, the answer is no one.

I'm not going to justify the actions of the IRA, but what I am going to do is to ask you to take a look at this selection from slightly more rational point of view. Adam's exclusion from this honor is just wrong. It's as simple as that.

OUR OPINION

Books for Kids needs support

The Issue:

The Books for Kids program may not achieve its goal due to the apathy of UM-St. Louis students.

We Suggest:

The book drive ends this Saturday. UM-St. Louis students should prove to each other and other college campuses that we can make a difference.

So what do you think?

Let us hear from you on this or any issue in a letter to the editor.

The Books for Kids program is trying to boost youth readership by collecting books for at-risk children. Unfortunately, this laudable goal may yet be undermined by UM-St. Louis' infamous apathy problem.

According to Janice Black, president of the Student Social Work Association, the drive, which will distribute books to several not-for-profit organizations, may be in danger of failing to meet its goal. While the drive has had great support in some quarters, being headed by a plethora of campus organizations and departments, the numbers on collections could still be more encouraging. With about a week and a half to go, Black said the campaign had only collected about half of its five-thousand book goal. This, despite flyers on campus and letters to faculty

advertising the event.

While Black says that outside sources for book donations may make up for the shortfall, it would be a sad commentary on UM-St. Louis' campus life if a student body 16,000 strong could not muster 5,000 new and used books. Black said that the drive chose books as its focus because many students are strapped for cash and this method of giving would be easier for them to handle financially. But it seems that even that concession may not be enough.

The book drive ends this Saturday. We believe the campus should make an effort to make this campaign's last few days its most successful. It costs little, matters a lot, and it is for a good cause. Let's prove that this campus can make a difference. The clock is ticking.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An effigy of hate

In Wyoming four young people were convulsed by a violence that they could not understand and so they created an effigy. What an effigy does is to defer understanding from those who have made it to those who must view it. It is an emblem of convulsion over and above any crime or riot committed rationally for gain. Our term for the excess in effigy-making is hate, hence hate crime, a direct and even laudably simple term when you think about it and probably a necessary one in the prosaic world of the law. Similarly we have evolved the notion of war crime and fashioned settings like the Nuremberg Trials to deal with its excess.

Still, an effigy is not finally a term but a three-dimensional emblem. It turns victims into criminals and spectators into both. It is a taboo flayed open and turned inside out. It calls for the kind of understanding that the poet William Wordsworth imagines when "feeling comes in the aid of feeling."

In his autobiographical poem *The Prelude* Wordsworth called such searing scenes "spots of time." I myself recall seeing an effigy in childhood, a black man pictured in a news magazine lynched and bleeding in chains; and I recall my dread. Wordsworth suggests that we revisit such scenes by ourselves and communally until somehow "our minds / Are nourished and invisibly repaired." Maybe he's right.

In the poem the young boy clammers down "a rough and stony" hill "where in former times / A murderer had been hung in iron chains," an executed wife-murderer, his crime of gender violence on display. Here the effigy makers are agents of the law, a posse institutionalized; but the effect is strangely the same. And the "moorland waste" may as well be Wyoming:

The gibbet-mast had mouldered down, the bones
And iron case were gone; but on the turf,
Hard by, soon after that fell deed was wrought,
Some unknown hand had carved the murderer's name.
The monumental letters were inscribed
In times long past; but still, from year to year,
By superstition of the neighborhood,
The grass is cleared away, and to this hour
The characters are fresh and visible.

The boy — later a young man in love, later still an older one writing and revising his poem — tries again and again to "read" these "characters" in the grass, tries to get it right. "So feeling comes in aid / Of feeling": all that excess of hate, fear, fascination, determination, hope, love; the roles reversing, the blind leading the blind, as we try to leverage individual and communal gain from individual and communal loss.

-Nanora Sweet,
English and Women's and Gender Studies

System's benefits lost in Anti-Columbus rally

In response to: "Protesters hold Anti-Columbus rally."

Some things I know, some I continue to learn.

I know life under communism and capitalism. I know working for and with the poor in the slums of Calcutta and flooded fields of Bangladesh. I know dining with heads of state. I know growing up with the effects of imperialism in Ireland. I know living and working in capitalist America. I know both dispossessed and elite of every country where I have spent time. I know friends and those who were not friends across many, many, races and cultures. I know working in law enforcement and I know detention without trial. I know being honored by the church of my faith and I know being acknowledged positively by those proscribed by my religion.

"We think this system is oppressive"

Free words, by free people. Free to speak and associate, protected by law and its officers, defended by a non-conscripted armed force on a university campus where education is not the privilege of a few, but a right for the many.

And now I know that this "system" is the best thing I have ever known.

-John Ormonde

Upon reading the feature on the anti-Columbus day radicals, I felt compelled to respond to some of the criticism one extremist laid on these United States of America. Anti-Columbus should mean just what it sounds like; Anti-Columbus. At what point does the conversation switch from anti-Columbus to a slam on capitalism? Capitalism makes for a high standard of living, through competition to dominate a particular market. There is no finer country on the planet than the United States. The individual claims to "stand up and cheer" every time America gets shunned on an international level. Why does he live here, then? He could easily go to a third-world country, and live in a mud hut for the rest of his life. Why? Because there simply is no better place to be.

-Jeremy Bixby

Talking to yourself or your computer

Technology is a wonderful thing. As a matter of fact, I have decided to take full advantage of the rapidly advancing electronic age by purchasing my first voice recognition software.

No joke. I hunted around for days at local computer supercenters, wandering aisles, looking at boxes with mysterious titles like "LAN configuration module matrix," conversing with friendly employees ("Go find it yourself.") and doing all the other things associated with buying software. Finally I located the voice recognition section. You know, the area where all the boxes have pictures of a happy worker in their cubicle with a headset microphone and a smile, coffee in one hand, doughnut in the other, just looking generally productive and satisfied with their new hands-free existence. I wanted to be that happy worker. In fact, the more I saw those pretty pictures in the store the more I began to view the keyboard as a barbaric instrument. When everybody else is making their life easier by talking to their computers, why should I have to type information in manually? How 1980s. Why not just use parchment and a quill pen?

Unfortunately, the happy, productive worker in the picture apparently had a much more advanced (read expensive) computer than I did. All of the voice-recognition programs that I found required systems much further up the electronic evolutionary ladder than my machine could ever dream of - all except one that is.

So I bought it but sadly it is not the brightest little program in the world. For one thing it cannot recognize normal speech patterns which means that every word must be followed by a brief pause while the computer figures out what the previous word was. As - you - can - imagine - this - results - in - a - rather - robotic - way - of - speaking.

Also it doesn't always get the words right. So it often spits out a stream of odd gibberish. "The new ladder is blue." might turn into "He noon latter as flew." This is irritating and often causes me to talk (or yell, actually) at the computer, which of course dutifully prints what I say, which only gets me angrier. (I think we're all probably fortunate that it doesn't recognize curse words.)

Another problem is the headset itself, which apparently was not designed for my personal head size. When I wear it the microphone rests somewhere in front of my left eye rather than my mouth. When transcribing quotes for news stories the problem is compounded by the fact that I also must wear a second set of headphones to listen to my tape recorder. The overall effect of this electronic crinial gear is to make me look less like the happy, productive worker on the box and more like a cross between a demented AT&T operator and a member of the Borg collective.

But I'll keep using my voice recognition software. After all, you can't stop the progress of technology. Anyway, the box says that it can be up to 97% accurate after marbles river engaged period doorway.

Tricks often not worthy of treats

By Saturday, hordes of costumed children will descend on my southside neighborhood. Little walking M&Ms, Teletubbies, and miniature versions of Spiderman and Godzilla will troop by my door, each armed with one of this year's small queue of jokes to offer in trade for candy.

Having only last year bought a house in St. Louis, I was unaware of the tradition of trick-or-treaters exchanging jokes for candy. Where I come from, we interpreted "Trick or Treat" as "give me a treat, or you're going to get a trick." It seems that the St. Louis interpretation is "I'll do a trick for you to get a treat."

At the beginning of the evening last year, I was at first charmed by the quaint tradition of miniature goblins telling me why the skeleton didn't cross the road (he didn't have the guts), or what Tigger was looking in the toilet for (to find Pooh), all in exchange for a treat. By the end of the night, the cuteness had worn thin and it was all I could do to keep from telling the endless groups of kids "Yeah, yeah, yeah, he didn't have the guts, I know, keep it moving."

Maybe it wouldn't be so annoying if the kids didn't huddle on the sidewalk, swapping the three or four jokes they bothered to come up with. I don't expect a standup comedic performance, but the kids who mumble a joke in a hurried, monotone voice, holding their pillow cases out for candy while looking and listening to their buddies report that Mrs. Smith down the street has real Hershey bars, much better than my Dumdums and Bit O' Honey pieces, might as well not even bother telling me the joke to begin with.

This year I think I'll buy a package of giant Butterfingers and hold it back for those couple of kids who actually have an original joke, and who bother to take a moment to consider the manner in which they tell it. The bonus being that if none of them end up doing it, I can always turn off the porch light and polish off the bars myself while watching Seinfeld.



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Latest Scoop

Baseball makes a comeback this season

Yeah, it is great that the New York Yankees won the World Series over the San Diego Padres, but baseball in a nutshell is back for good.

This '98 season has been thrilling, exciting and dynamic to certain points. The strike may have hurt the game for a few years, but fans are starting to respond to the new look that baseball has shown them.

The homerun chase captured the crowds wherever Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire went. Towards the end of the season, tickets were being sold at outrageous prices to just get a glimpse of a towering homerun. Stadiums were sold out for weeks before the game even occurred. That is what true baseball is all about - the fans and their support of their home team.

Even after **DAVE KINWORTHY** sports associate McGwire hit his 70th homerun, he still remained human.

To see Big Mac on David Letterman was spectacular. McGwire thanked numerous people, but also thanked the city of St. Louis for its support. That showed the true classiness of what baseball has worked hard to display.

Despite the surplus of homeruns this season by Big Mac and Sosa - Greg Vaughn of the San Diego Padres and Ken Griffey Jr. showed great strides in the effort to catch the mighty Mac.

The pitching this season in both divisions was amazing. The no-hitter by Yankee lefty David Wells and the dominating performances by the Atlanta Braves' John Smoltz, Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine were a given.

The two pitchers that amazed me though throughout this season were the quality of Kevin Brown of the Padres in the National League and Roger Clemens of the American League. This twosome of terror struck out phenomenal numbers of quality players game-in and game-out. They dominated games and with little run support from their teams, took over games.

If these two pitchers do not win the Cy Young Award in their respective leagues, then I would be astonished. Their performance and dominance should be rewarded.

To see Tony Gwynn make it to the playoffs and eventually lose in the World Series was a heartache, but he is still one of the best pure contact hitters ever. He does not hit for power, but looks just to get on base and help his team to emerge victorious.

The other great contact hitter, Bernie Williams of the Yankees, has emerged as a leader, working his way up. The only question that remains will be whether he will be a Yankee next season. Only time and bundles of generous offers from other teams will determine where this athlete goes.

The national pastime has become the national presentime. With the NBA lockout not looking favorable and canceling some of their games, baseball has come to the spotlight and risen to the top. I would just like to say thanks for the great action-packed season and that I look forward to another year of surprising accomplishments to come.



Rivermen stomp IUPU-Ft. Wayne 2-0

Men's soccer snags a much-needed win after returning to full roster

BY KEN DUNKIN
staff editor

After several tough games the Rivermen soccer team improved their conference standings with a win over IUPU-Ft. Wayne.

The Rivermen, 8-5-1 on the season, regrouped after last weekend's dismal games in which they lost to Quincy 2-0 and tied Southern Indiana 2-2. This weekend they responded with a 2-0 victory over IUPU-Ft. Wayne.

"This was one of our better games this season," Rivermen Head Coach Tom Redmond said. "Every section of the field was covered well and every player played their part."

The Rivermen offense poured on the shots against IUPU; they had 11 for the game. The numerous shots paid off as Scott Luczak scored early in the game with an assist from Mark Mendenhall. Mendenhall then put the game away late in the game with a goal. Joe Strdko assisted on Mendenhall's goal.

Goalie Kevin McCarthy also played well for the Rivermen. He recorded his seventh

shut-out of the season. He has also kept his goals against total down this season. He allows 1.22 goals per game.

"Kevin has really stepped up for us this season," Redmond said. "He made it a point this summer to come in and be a better college goalie. This season the defense is better but he does get tested two or three times a game and he usually comes up big."

The previous weekend the team had been hampered with several problems. The injuries, red card sit-outs and other problems had hurt the team numbers. This was cause for the team to struggle against both Quincy and Southern Indiana.

"We lost five of our ten starters last week. Any time you lose that many players it is trouble," Redmond said.

The IUPU game was the first time in weeks the team had their full roster. It was the first game back for the several of the players.

"I think they were happy to be back and it really showed on the field," Redmond said.

This weekend will be a huge test for the Rivermen. They host the UM-St. Louis



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Riverman #22 Mark Mendenhall fights for possession of the ball in the Oct. 10 game vs. SIU-Edwardsville.

Gaffney's Classic next weekend at the Mark Twain Field. Competition will be tough as two regional powerhouses will face off against the Rivermen. The team will face off against Truman State Saturday

and Rockhurst on Sunday.

"We are hoping for some big wins," Redmond said. "Two victories against teams of their caliber would really help us out."

Intramural soccer teams battle for playoff victory

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff associate

The intramural soccer league began its playoffs Oct. 26.

So far this season, the four teams that comprise this league have battled, bruised and competed against one another with energy and a will to survive.

Meadows United currently stands undefeated at 3-0 going into the playoffs. In a rematch of last season's finals, Meadows United defeated Sigma Tau Gamma 3-0. They also have trounced the Indys, a team comprised of individual sign-ups, 10-1, and Damnit 4-0. Meadows United begin their

hunt for the title in a semifinals match against the Indys.

Sigma Tau Gamma had no problem manhandling Damnit 2-0 and dominating the Indys 4-0, but the loss to Meadows United puts Sigma Tau Gamma into the second seed of the playoffs against Damnit.

Damnits lost two consecutive games to Meadows United and Sigma Tau Gamma before they pulled off a win against the Indys 6-3.

Last but not least is the Indys, a team which sits at 0-3 in league play. This team will be forced to compete against the athletic Meadows United in the semifinal round. Semifinals were played on Oct. 26 and finals will be played on Nov. 2 at 3:00.

Player Profile

Riverwomen volleyball senior adds strength to GLVC play

BY JOE HARRIS
of the Current staff

Every college athlete dreams of finishing their senior year on top. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work out that way especially if the team goes 13-19 in the athlete's junior year. But it has for Leslie Armstrong.

Armstrong is a big part of the Riverwomen's resurgence to power in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Armstrong was scheduled to share the setter position with Kristen Brugnara, but has had to carry the load after Brugnara went down with an ankle injury.

"I think Leslie during the course of the season has gotten more confident," Head Coach Denise Silvester said. "We worked on her conditioning. Setters have to be quick and have to chase down a lot of balls so they have to be in great shape."

Armstrong is in the best shape of her career. She credits her conditioning to working out in the off-season.

"I worked out a lot in the off-season," Armstrong said. "Coach [Silvester] gave us a plan and it was up to us to do it."

Armstrong leads the Riverwomen with 346 assists, almost seven per game. Armstrong is also a strong server, notching 15 service aces for the Riverwomen.



Armstrong

Setting and serving are not the only strong points of Armstrong's game, she can also block.

"The part of the game that Leslie loves is she loves to block, and she takes great pride in it," Silvester said.

Armstrong is fourth on the team with seven solo blocks, and is third on the team with 25 block assists. She is well on her way to surpassing her 36 total blocks last year.

This Riverwomen team has a lot of newcomers which can make it hard for the setters to know how their teammates like the balls. However, Armstrong said she hasn't had a problem adjusting.

Armstrong said she felt no real pressure when Brugnara got injured. She just knew that she couldn't get hurt.

"I knew that I was going to get all the sets and that I had no backup," Armstrong said. "I knew I couldn't get hurt."

Coach Silvester is happy with Armstrong's progress.

"As a coach you try to plan out a player's career," Silvester said. "They can not learn everything their first year and it's a constant progression. You hope by their senior year you can put it all together and have all the pieces in place. To have Leslie come through her senior year and really be successful it's very rewarding for the program and it's very rewarding for Leslie."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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Women



vs.
Truman State
3 p.m.
SIUE Tournament

vs.
MN-Duluth
12 p.m.
SIUE Tournament

Men



vs.
Rockhurst Coll.
12 p.m.
Home

vs.
Truman State
12 p.m.
Home

Women



vs.
Southern Indiana
7 p.m.
Home

vs.
Kentucky Wes.
1 p.m.
Home

V-ball crushes Quincy

BY JOE HARRIS
of the Current staff

The Riverwomen volleyball team defeated the Quincy Lady Hawks last Saturday.

The game was never close during the 15-8, 15-2, 15-11 victory.

"We have been preparing for this match," Head Coach Denise Silvester said. "We anticipated Quincy would be a difficult opponent. We pretty much took them out of their game. They rely heavily on three players and we took two of them out of the match."

Quincy never could get into the game. The Lady Hawks came into the match as

one of the top blocking teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, but had none against the Riverwomen. Quincy also struggled with a .070 team hitting percentage, including a .545 in the second game.

Meanwhile the Riverwomen had 6.5 blocks, and a lofty .424 hitting percentage. UM-St. Louis only had two hitting errors in 59 total attempts.

"We just passed and served very well and we had a lot of offensive options," Silvester said. "When you have more than two hitters that can hit the ball, it is very difficult for the defense to key in on anybody."

The Riverwomen had six people hitting the ball well. Michelle Hochstatter and Holly Zrout led the Riverwomen in kills with seven and six respectively. Susan Kleinschnitz, Nichole Wall, and Leslie Armstrong each added four kills apiece.

Freshman Zrout's performance is equally impressive because it was her first start and she was filling in for the injured Susan Claggett.

"We are going to have to rely a lot on Holly [Zrout]," Silvester said. "There's a good chance that Susan Claggett is out for the year with a shoulder injury and I think [Zrout] is ready. The confidence is there, it's just a matter of getting her more repetitions in practice."

The Riverwomen's balanced attack shows up in the team's hitting percentage. Armstrong was a perfect four-for-four, Hochstatter hit .583, Kleinschnitz hit .571, Yorhena Panama hit .400, and Zrout hit .353.

"It's very nice to have a lot of offensive weapons," Silvester said. "Right now we have a more balanced offense than some of the other teams in conference, and if one person's not hot then you can go to another person who is."

Armstrong also carried the Riverwomen assist load, having 18 assists out of the team's 20. The performance gives her a team high 346 assists on the year.

The victory over Quincy moves the Riverwomen to 12-4 overall and 6-3 in conference. The win also represents the team's finest showing of the year.

"The girls were very pumped up for this match against Quincy," Silvester said. "I really think the team is starting to gel, and hopefully we are starting to peak right now."

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-Denise Silvester
Volleyball coach

Movie Review

‘Urban Legend’ is nothing new

Urban Legend
Rated R
Now Playing

Have you ever heard the story of the young teenage girl babysitting at a neighbor's house? The children are sleeping upstairs. The phone rings. She answers the phone only to hear the voice of a man saying "Only two more hours...." She hangs up. A half hour later the man calls back. "Only an hour and a half left...." Again she hangs up. Finally she calls the operator and asks her to trace the next call. The man calls again at the last half hour and the operator says to leave the house. The call is coming from upstairs.

Urban legends like these are what the movie aptly named *Urban Legend* is all about. Several students at Pendleton University are dying. Natalie (Alicia Witt) is the only one who believes that these deaths are actually murders patterned after urban legends.

Unfortunately, like many horror movies, *Urban Legend* seemed to bare a resemblance to past movies; particularly the hit movie *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. It's not the frightening sights or thoughts that bring out the scare in this movie. It's the sudden and unsuspecting "BOO's" that are randomly placed throughout the movie.

If you liked *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, you're likely to be pleased with *Urban Legend*.

-Tom Wombacher



Alicia Witt (left) and Rebecca Gayheart in "Urban Legend."

Music Review

Rancid's show provides energy with a hard edge

Rancid

Many people would be terrified to go anywhere near Mississippi Nights the night of a Rancid show, and with good reason. The audience was full of mohawks and 4 inch spikes on the evening of October 22nd, and even then the crowd looked relatively tame for a punk show. The small club filled quickly, and the mob awaited their heroes, Rancid, the one punk band to go big without selling out.

The Gadgets opened up the event, a young band from Kansas signed to Hellcat Records, Rancid singer/guitarist Tim Armstrong's newly-founded record label. The Gadgets are primarily a ska band with a punk feel, basically a happy group of kids with just enough angst to get them through a Rancid show. For a group of kids not even 20 years old, The Gadgets showed promise, but lacked experience and showmanship. Next up was another addition to Hellcat records, the Hepcats, a band with not an ounce of punk between the seven of them. This is not to say that they weren't good or that they didn't receive a positive response, not in the least. The Hepcats are one of the best bands I have ever seen live, and the rest of the audience seemed to agree. They succeed in

blending ska, Dixieland jazz, reggae, and even some salsa influences into one cohesive sound.

After watching the Hepcats perform, I was curious to see if Rancid could successfully outdo the Hepcats, but these doubts were erased about 3 seconds into Rancid's set. The legendary punk band came on hard and deafeningly loud, and didn't let off until the show was over. Lars Frederiksen, guitarist/vocalist, strutted onstage with an 8 inch mohawk that faded from orange to blue, and Tim Armstrong, guitarist/vocalist appeared in a top hat covering the spiderweb tattoo on his skull, wearing a sweatshirt and leather coat in an 80 something degree environment, not including the stage lights pointing at him. Rancid stuck to their older tunes, playing only four songs from their new album, *Life Won't Wait*. They also stuck to their harder-edged songs, staying away from the more ska or reggae influenced numbers for this audience. The crowd loved every second, creating mosh pits the size of the entire floor, and crowd surfing from one end of the club to the other.

Rancid puts on one of the most energy-filled shows around, but is not suggested for the weak of heart.

-Cory Blackwood

Movie Review

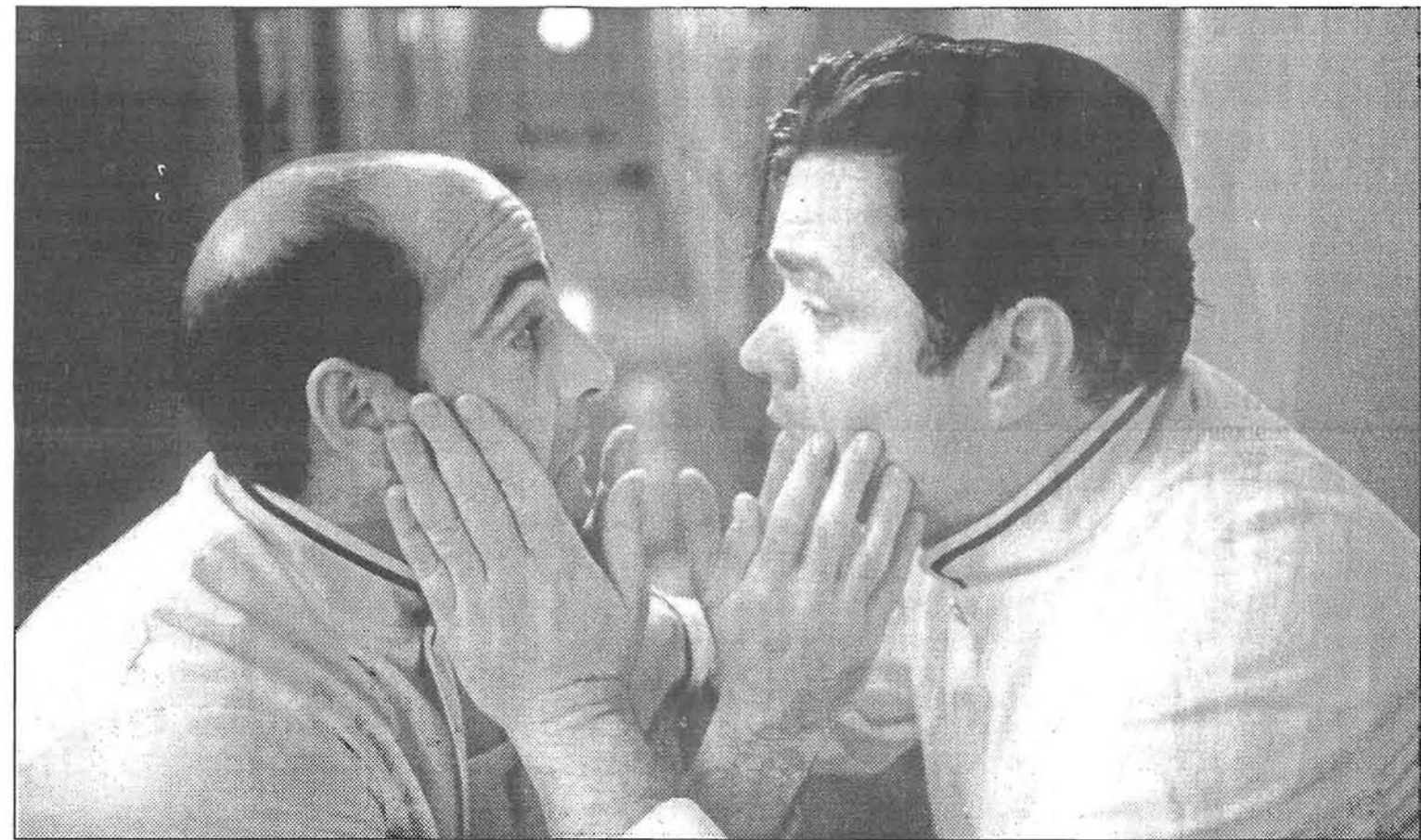
Slow-footed 'Imposters' just can't match the classics

"The Impostors"
Running Time: 1:42
Now Playing at the Hi-Point

The Impostors is a new comedy starring Oliver Platt and Stanley Tucci. It is directed and written by Tucci. This film is a slapstick farce set in the 1930s about two down-on-their-luck actors (Tucci and Platt) who accidentally become stowaways on a cruise ship. Among the passengers is another more successful but obnoxious actor (Alfred Molina) whom the pair had earlier angered and now hope to avoid. Tucci draws heavily on the physical comedy and farce of films from the 20s, 30s, and 40s, and creates the look and feel of a 1930's ensemble comedy film, like W. C. Field's *International House* or a Marx Brothers movie. Like all farce, the absurd plot is based on misunderstandings and near misses, subplots abound, and the ship is

filled with exaggerated characters, none of whom is quite what he or she appears to be. As a fan of old comedies, I expected to like this film but unfortunately, this Stan and Ollie team are not nearly as funny as their Laurel and Hardy counterparts. This film does have some well-done physical humor, some funny scenes, and the characters, especially the starring pair, are often charming, but overall it's only moderately funny. A major problem is its fairly slow pace, where farce requires a fast (even breathless) pace to be funny as it races to its conclusion. Ironically, the best and funniest scene is the song-and-dance bit at the end when the credits are running. While this film is moderately funny and worth seeing, you might also consider renting one of the originals (like the Marx Brothers' *Duck Soup*) to see really funny slapstick farce.

-Catherine Marquis-Homeyer



Stanley Tucci (left) and Oliver Platt in "The Imposters"

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ing, driving drunk and sex while under the influence were also available.

"Folks need to think sensibly when they do drink. I think [Alcohol Awareness] is a great idea . . . I always fill out the surveys, I don't have a problem with it," said Robert Kirk, senior in Management.

Mocktail caterer Fred Carter had something to say, "You shouldn't drink and drive! You can get in a lot of trouble driving drunk."

This year's Alcohol Awareness Week was a success due to the amount of pledges turned in by students. According to Horizons Peer Educators, success in such an event will "help with the general awareness on campus."

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Committee on Physical Facilities.

"We had a situation where e-mail was lost in quantity, and one person was accused of not sending in a grant application through e-mail," said Political Science Professor Dennis Judd at the meeting. "[Siegel] could cut through the rumors and misunderstandings and fear; people are afraid of using e-mail."

Recently, McBride made a couple of suggestions to Siegel on how to handle similar situations in the future. He suggested a message be sent as soon as the e-mail service came back up, informing the faculty that they may have lost incoming e-mail and they should contact the necessary people. McBride also suggested putting a voice mail message on every staff and faculty member's phone.

"Siegel wrote back and said he thought they were reasonable sug-

gestions," McBride said. "To his credit, Siegel has scheduled a full-campus meeting to discuss the problem. There have been all sorts of rumors and they need to be thwarted out."

The meeting will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, October 30 in 003 CCB. The agenda for the meeting includes discussion of the e-mail problems over Labor Day weekend and the present state of campus e-mail. The meeting is open to any interested faculty or staff member.

Judd had high praise for Siegel's willingness to hold the meeting.

"I think that's a good step," Judd said. "I regard this as a very good precedent for communication on campus. I appreciate the chance to go to a meeting and have the problems explained to me in a non-technical way."

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received numerous phone calls because someone had probably fallen for the scam.

"Once they find someone to take the bait, word spreads fast throughout the prison," Westermeyer said.

Westermeyer said he had talked to officials at the prison and sent a letter on Oct. 6 requesting that all campus telephone numbers be blocked from the pay phone in the prison. Telephone Services has not received any complaints since then.

"The best advice I can offer [if you receive a similar telephone call] is to hang up and contact Telephone

Services," Westermeyer said. "[There is] always someone out there looking to scam somebody."

Some of the most common scams include a call telling the listener that the telephone company has noticed unusual activity on their calling card. The caller then asks for their calling card number.

"If it is a legitimate company, they don't need your calling card number. They should already have your card number," Westermeyer said.

Westermeyer said he has not yet received the bill for telephone services in September. It is unknown how much the calls could have cost the University.

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A doubleheader is scheduled for Fri., Mar. 5, against Olivette Nazarene and on Mar. 6 and 7 a tournament is scheduled with teams from Wayne State at Michigan, Alabama-Huntsville, Central Missouri State, Quincy and Lincoln.

"That's a very big tournament for us," Kennedy said.

The new facilities will be a big advantage for the women's softball team.

"We get a chance, now, to host games in conference," Kennedy said, "[It] gives us the advantage of being the home team, the host team."

"[The facility] will be one of the nicest in the St.

Louis area," Kennedy said, "It will show the kids in St. Louis [UM-St. Louis] is a great place to be. This will really make an impression on that."

"In the future we have plans to [construct] a practice softball and a practice soccer field," Darandari said.

These are included in the master plan and have not been contracted for at this time. The site, on the south side of the new facilities, where the practice fields will be located, cannot have further construction until a current contractor is finished with work in the area.

Darandari said construction of the practice fields will be, "not until at least summer."

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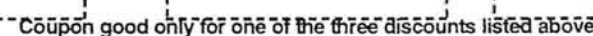
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